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Coming Events

March 26—Sino-British Club, 5.30 p.m.
March 27—Helena May Inn, Lecture by H.G.W. Woodhead, 5.45 p.m.
March 28—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp., annual meeting 11.30 a.m.
March 29—Peak Club meeting, 5.30 p.m.
March 29—Meeting of civilian and Service chaplains, 11 a.m.
March 29—Bank of Canton, annual meeting, 3 p.m.
March 31—China Entertainment & Investment Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
April 12—China Light & Power Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.

Salaries Commission Meeting

A first meeting of the Salaries Commission was held in the Council Chamber on Monday.

The members of the Commission discussed the terms of reference and the procedure to be followed to ensure that their recommendations may be made with the least delay.

It was decided to ask Heads of Government Departments, commercial and industrial firms, members of Government services and of the public to make such representations as they wish to a date, if possible, before April 12.

Representations from individual members of the Government service and of the general public should be made to the Secretaries, Salaries Commission, Colonial Secretariat, who will make arrangements for interviews with the Commission.

STAR FERRY DIVIDEND

The Directors of the "Star" Ferry Company Ltd. announce that the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1946 was \$741,061.60, which added to the sum of \$48,121.55 brought forward from 1945, leaves \$789,183.15 available for appropriation.

At the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders the Directors will recommend that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$4.00 per share \$320,000. To transfer to General Reserve Account \$450,000. To carry forward \$19,183.15.

Opium Cases

Pleading guilty through Mr. M. A. Silva to keeping an opium den at No. 19, Chung San Street, West, first floor, on Jan. 30, last, Yuen Yin, 42, unemployed, was fined \$1,000 by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

ASP Fay said that he and a party of police raided the premises at 2 a.m. and arrested Lai Kong, who admitted keeping the den, together with accused.

Accused was later arrested at No. 3, Wing Shing Street.

A fine of \$800, or three months' hard labour, was imposed on Tsang Kwai-kam, 35, unemployed, for keeping an opium den at an unnumbered house in Sai Wan Ho, Shaukiwan, on March 24, and for possession of 17 pots of prepared opium.

Eight smokers were arrested on the premises. Seven of them who failed to appear had bail of \$20 each, while one who was in Court was fined \$20.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO POLICE RESERVE

"I have ample confidence in your will and your capacity to keep this Force up to the high standard which we all expect of it," declared His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, addressing members of the Police Reserve whom he inspected at Murray Parade Ground last evening.

His Excellency added: "I reflect with satisfaction on the fact that you are picked men. You have been carefully selected from a much larger number of volunteers, and we have concentrated on quality."

Addressing the parade His Excellency said:—"I feel that in meeting and inspecting the Force today I am renewing a bygone pleasure and greeting an old friend. It was in November 1941, here on this same parade ground, that I last inspected this Force."

"I spoke then, as I speak now, of the sense of public spirit which had called this Force into being. I referred, I remember, to the splendid efforts of two Honorary Commissioners, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, who, I am very glad to know is here again today, and whose son I am pleased to see in charge of the Parade, and Mr. Abbas Khan."

"I referred also to the excellent work which was being done by the Force mobilised as it had been since the outbreak of the European war and to the reliance which I placed upon it for the performance of its duties in times of greater emergency if such times should come."

"It was not long before the great emergency did come. I pay tribute to the way in which the Force rose to that great occasion. During hostilities one fifth of its members were killed in action, while performing their vital duties. After the fighting was over, in the period of the enemy occupation, many members of the Reserve bravely did their duty and continued by underground activities the struggle against the enemy. All honour to those who took part in that struggle and especially to those who gave their lives. The name and example of David Louis and of others who fell with him will long be remembered."

Good Tradition

"I have been pleased with what I have seen of you on parade today. I have ample confidence in your will and in your capacity to keep this Force up to the high standard which we all expect of it. When I look at you, I reflect with satisfaction on the fact that you are picked men. You have been carefully selected from a much larger number of volunteers and, as I said when I reported to His Majesty's Government about the re-organisation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, we have concentrated on quality."

"You have a good tradition and a good example to follow; you have important duties to perform; and you have the confidence of the Government and of the people of Hong Kong. Good luck to you."

The Chinese Police Reserve was re-organised in July 1946 and was in full swing by September the same year. They are fortunate in having as their Hon. Commissioner, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, who started the unit in 1927.

The new members were very carefully chosen from about 700 applicants. Though preference was given to old members in re-enlisting, all had to start from the lowest rank. The qualifications

for admission were stricter and applicants had to have a good knowledge of oral and written English, be physically fit and of good character. The training of the unit consists of three parts, squad drill, police regulations and duties and a revolver course.

The unit has been in training every week, but no police duties have yet been assigned to them, though they are now in a position to assist the regulars at any time. It is hoped to increase the numbers in the near future.

Apart from the adjutant, Mr. N. G. Rolph, an A.S.P. from the regulars, all the officers are Reservists. The Senior Superintendent is Mr. T. S. Tsun-on, and to assist him are two A.S.P.s, Mr. Lau Sul-chuen and Mr. T. W. Hak-on, in charge of No. 1 and No. 2 Companies respectively.

War Record

Through the kindness of Cable and Wireless, the Reservists have been able to obtain the second floor of No. 3 Connaught Road Central for a club and meeting place. The cost of repairs and fittings were borne by voluntary donations from members, though the furniture had been presented by friends of the Unit. This will also be used as their headquarters.

The Police Reserve did good work during the fighting. Of 1,400 on the roll in December 1941, at least 200 were killed and the result of enemy action. When the Japanese occupied Hong Kong many continued underground work.

The late Mr. David Louis took charge of intelligence work in Kowloon and Hong Kong and died at the hands of the enemy. At least nine others are known to have met their deaths at the hands of the Japanese after being arrested for espionage. A number of others were arrested by the Japanese and no trace has been found of them.

Members received the B.E.M. and four letters from the Governor for the part played in defence of Hong Kong.

The members have always been very keen on revolver shooting, and in pre-war days won many trophies and competitions. Six of their members were in the first 20 of the Governor's Trophy at the Rifle Association's shoot, and the Chinese Company of the Police Reserve, representing China won the International Competition.

Among those present were: Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. Li Man-kan, Hon. Mr. R. N. Chau, Members of District Watchmen Committee, Chairman and Committee Tung Wah Hospital, Chairman and Committee Po Leung Kuk, Dr. F. I. Tsang, Dr. C. W. Fung, D.J. Mackie, W. L. B. Sparrow, L.B.C. Callaghan, C. Champlin, Felix Ah, H.C. Randall, C.O. 2, The Buffs, Chow Wai Hung, Tang Chung Wai, Ngan Shing Kwan, Peter Hui, Li Sing Hui, Wong Hui King, Ng Wan, Kwok Chan, Lo Chung Wan and Chan Shing Fun.

R.A.S.C. PRIVATE IN COURT

Private Ronald Bird, 21, 387 R.A.S.C., was remanded one week in military custody when he appeared before Mr. Blake-Kerr at Kewloun yesterday charged with robbing, with violence, Cheng Ming-leung (a rickshaw-cooley) at 11 p.m. on March 15 at Argyle Street, and with assaulting with intent to rob Li Ching-yim at the same time and place.

Deserters Increasing

Mr. W. R. Hilmyer, Deputy Shipping Master, asked for a serious view to be taken of seamen who desert their ships, when he prosecuted Patrick Doyle, a fireman of the s.s. "Temeriton" in the Marine Court yesterday for deliberately remaining in the Colony after his ship had sailed.

"We had managed to get the number of these drifting seamen cut down but they are now taking up again," he told the Magistrate, Condr. Ryder.

Doyle was picked up from the s.s. "Samsette" on the morning of March 24 by S. I. Jack who took him to the Deputy Shipping Master, on whose instruction the charge was laid.

Doyle, who pleaded not guilty, said he obtained shore leave from the Chief Engineer on March 15 and was told to return to the ship by midnight the next day, but the ship sailed instead the next afternoon.

In the interval he had obtained food and shelter on the s.s. "Samshire" and s.s. "Samsette," and it was his intention to get a ship on which he could work his passage to Singapore.

Mr. Hilmyer then handed to the Magistrate an official entry in the log of the "Temeriton" which stated that Doyle did not turn up on March 11 and 14, and was ashore without leave on March 12 and 15, and that he had been struck off as a deserter.

Doyle was convicted and sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment.

Money Mart

The money market was again stagnant yesterday, with rates practically stationary.

Gold opened at \$272.75, went up to \$273, dropped to \$271.50, and closed at \$272 a tael.

Piastres both opened and closed at \$10.50 per 100. For a time the rate went up to \$11.12.

Chinese National Currency was at 30 cents for futures and 44 cents for spot (for C\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were in good demand at \$4.89. Sterling was steady at \$14.48 buyers. Australian pounds were at \$12.52 unchanged.

SWEEP TICKETS CONFISCATED

An application by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Postmaster General, for the forfeiture of 17 postal packets, containing prohibited articles—37 books of Irish Hospital Sweep Tickets and 224 loose receipts for the Grand National—was granted by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., at Central yesterday.

The packets were mailed here from Elvo to seven different persons whose names were given as R.J.E. Barker, J.J. Remedios, E.A. Ribeiro, L. Silva, Lee Kam-ming and Shum Yuk-chi.

TAIKOO DOCK THEFT

Lee Fuk, 25, painter, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. d'Almeida yesterday when found guilty of stealing 4-lbs. of lead from Tarkoo Dockyard.

Defendant was seen by the watchman taking a parcel out of the dockyard and when he was searched, the lead was found in his possession.

Insp. Manson, prosecuting, asked that defendant be recommended for banishment.

Closure Application Granted

An application for closure of No. 27, Jervois Street, to enable the landlord to carry out repairs, was granted by Mr. Sheldon, K.C., at Central yesterday under the Building Ordinance.

The order is to take effect in one month, in order to allow the tenants of the premises to appeal if they so desire.

The application was filed by Mr. F. H. Losby, on behalf of the owners of the house, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. S. Ng-Quinn, appeared for the tenants.

Mr. Losby said the closure of the premises was necessary in order to avoid possible danger to the tenants during the repair.

Mr. Bernacchi alleged that the application was, in his opinion, a deliberate attempt to evict the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

The Landlord and Tenant Proclamation, Mr. Bernacchi contended, provided no provision under which eviction could be allowed due to repairs to premises.

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that closure ordered by a Magistrate was barred by a Proclamation issued on March 2, 1946, and an amendment in the Government Gazette of Sept. 6, 1946, said that a Magistrate had no power to order eviction by means of a closure order.

After hearing Mr. Bernacchi's submission, the Magistrate said the order was made under Section 4 (a), an amendment of the Building Ordinance.

DREW PISTOL

For drawing a pistol "on" the police, Li Kuen was sentenced to three years' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Prosecuting, Insp. Willerton said defendant was seen by police in Gap Road. When challenged, he drew a gun. A short struggle followed in which the gun was fired, injuring defendant in the leg. The gun then jammed and accused was arrested.

STOLE 20 CENTS

For stealing 20 cents from Leung Tak, Fan Hung was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Defendant was seen taking the money from the complainant's pocket. He was chased and 20 cents was found rolled up in his hand. Defendant had a previous conviction.

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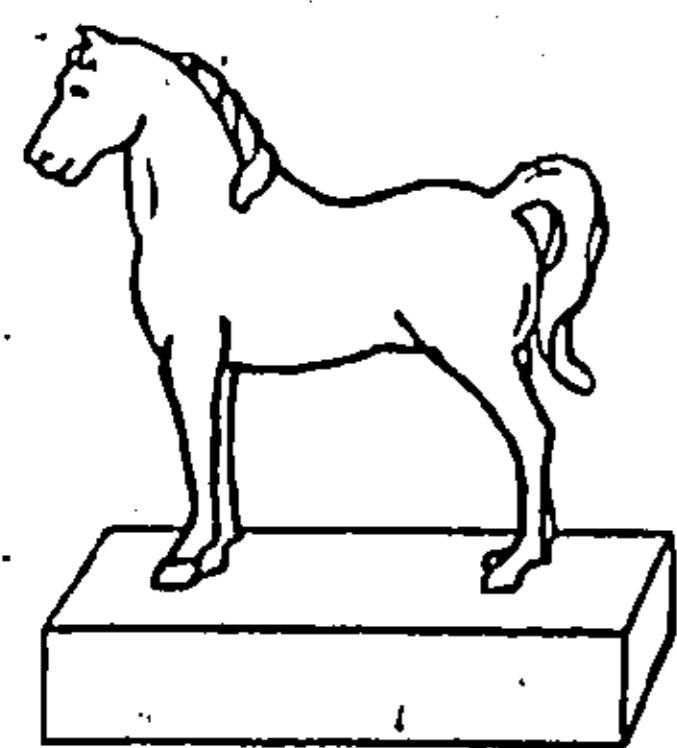
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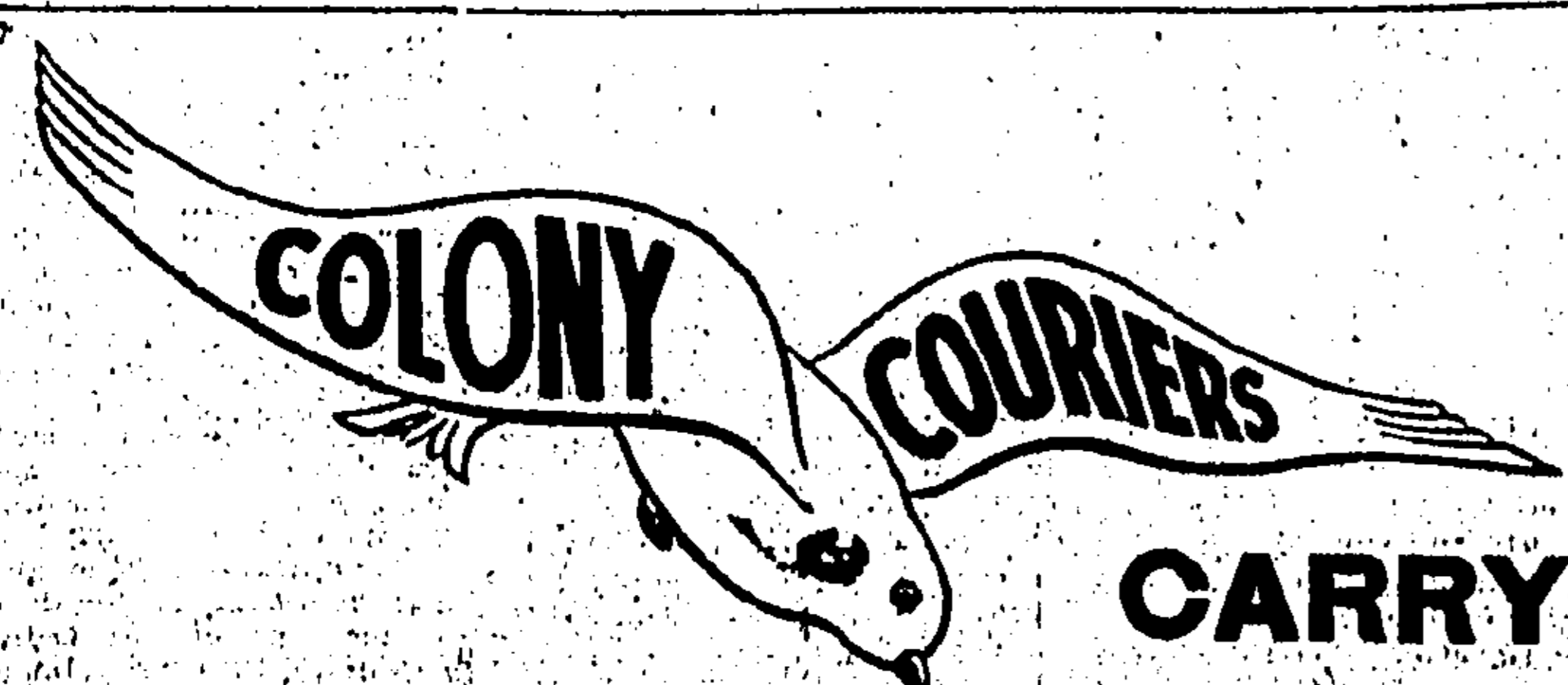
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An Expensive 300 Words

Washington, Mar. 24.
Republican Representative Karl Mundt described Mr. William L. Clayton's statement to the Foreign Affairs Committee today as "the most expensive speech in the history of the world."

He said: "You have devoted only three hundred words to Turkey and since you ask for \$100,000,000, that figures out at \$333.33 per word. Let me congratulate you."

After laughter had subsided, Mr. Clayton replied: "I certainly did not use all the words that could be used on the subject." Representative Mundt proposed an amendment, earmarking \$10,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 credit to permit Greek and Turkish nationals to study in the United States and observe the American way of life, and democratic process. —Reuter.

Cleveland, Mar. 24.
The Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Tsaldaris, in an exclusive interview granted in Athens to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" correspondent, John Leacacos, appealed to Josef Stalin, "as chief of the world's largest and original Communist Party," to make a public declaration to followers of the Communist doctrine that in the interests of world peace Soviet Russia prefers a victory of Communist philosophy through peaceful, democratic means and popular elections rather than armed revolution and guerrilla warfare.

In return, Mr. Tsaldaris promised that Greece would consent to a free port in Salonika to give Yugoslavia and Bulgaria a commercial outlet on the Aegean. He would also consent to an amnesty for all guerrillas who lay down their arms and participate in the new elections with a pledge that the Communists will be allowed to rule Greece if they win in free, popular elections.

Ex-Minister Given Death Sentence

London, Mar. 24.
The 66-year-old former Minister of Justice of South Wales, Thomas John Ley, and Lawrence John Smith (38), a London joiner, were today sentenced to death for the murder of John McMain Mudge, whose rope-bound body was found in a partly dug grave at a chalk pit near London on November 30.

The trial had taken five days at the Old Bailey. Before sentence of death was passed, Ley told the judge: "I am not surprised at the explanation of the allegations about jealousy, suspicion and motive and suchlike nonsense when you refuse to allow me to state in the box what I wanted to say. I am perfectly innocent. I regret very much that I have at my time of life suffered an injustice of this kind."

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, summing up, told the jury: "If you think that Ley was suffering from unreasonable jealousy for this woman, you must think it throws a flood of light on the whole story."

In the final speech for the prosecution, Mr. Anthony Hawke asked: "Is it saying too much that at one particular stage this man was obsessed almost to the point of being unbalanced? By midsummer has not that poisonous suspicion become centred on this man Mudge?"

For Ley, Sir Walter Monckton said: "What a story it is of this old man of 66 years and an old woman of 66 years between whom there had been no familiar relations for ten years. It is hard to believe that there should have been such acute jealousy which would drive a man to crime."

Counsel for Smith described him as "just a simple joiner who has been debauched by this incident for the payment of £200." Smith had stated in evidence that he helped to get Mudge into Ley's flat, but that he was not harmed.

Mrs. Ley, 66-year-old wife of accused, who flew from Australia to be present at her husband's trial, was in court most of the day, but had left when the verdict was announced.

Ley, who was one of the British Commonwealth representatives at the ceremony, will take place in the ancient Rijstijk Palace in Batavia.

Under the agreement, the Netherlands will recognize the sovereignty of the Indonesian Republic over Java, Sumatra, and Madura.

In return, the Republic will affiliate with Borneo, Celebes and other Dutch islands in a United States of Indonesia. —Associated Press.

He said Premier Josef Stalin was directing the plot and would only give up when the United States told him to stop "and mean it." —United Press.

ride a horse" in English. Actually in her strange language it paints the picture of a people who, in the presence of horses, do not use their feet.

Similarly, "hance-sorle" means "I want a piece of bread." In Henriette's language it says, "I long for that which gives me life."

"Jan-co-esso" says "My father is a worker," "hance-sey" becomes "I am not today."

Although there are gaps in the language as Henriette knows it, parts of the words she knows are there on the tip of her tongue, fluent and sonorous.

A winsome smile comes to her pretty face when one suggests perhaps, this strange language may provide the clue to her real identity. How she acquired it, or her fluent French, her accent free English or her ready German for that matter remains a mystery. —United Press.

BIG BEN SHINES

London, Mar. 25.
The lights of Big Ben, in the House of Parliament, were switched on again on Monday.

They were switched off two months ago when a shortage of electricity shut down industrial plants. The use of electricity in homes is still banned for five hours daily throughout Britain. — Associated Press.

Attlee Invites Palaver

London, Mar. 24.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in a concession to the "rebels" of the Parliamentary Labour Party, today invited all Labour MPs to give their views on Government's economic policy at a series of meetings.

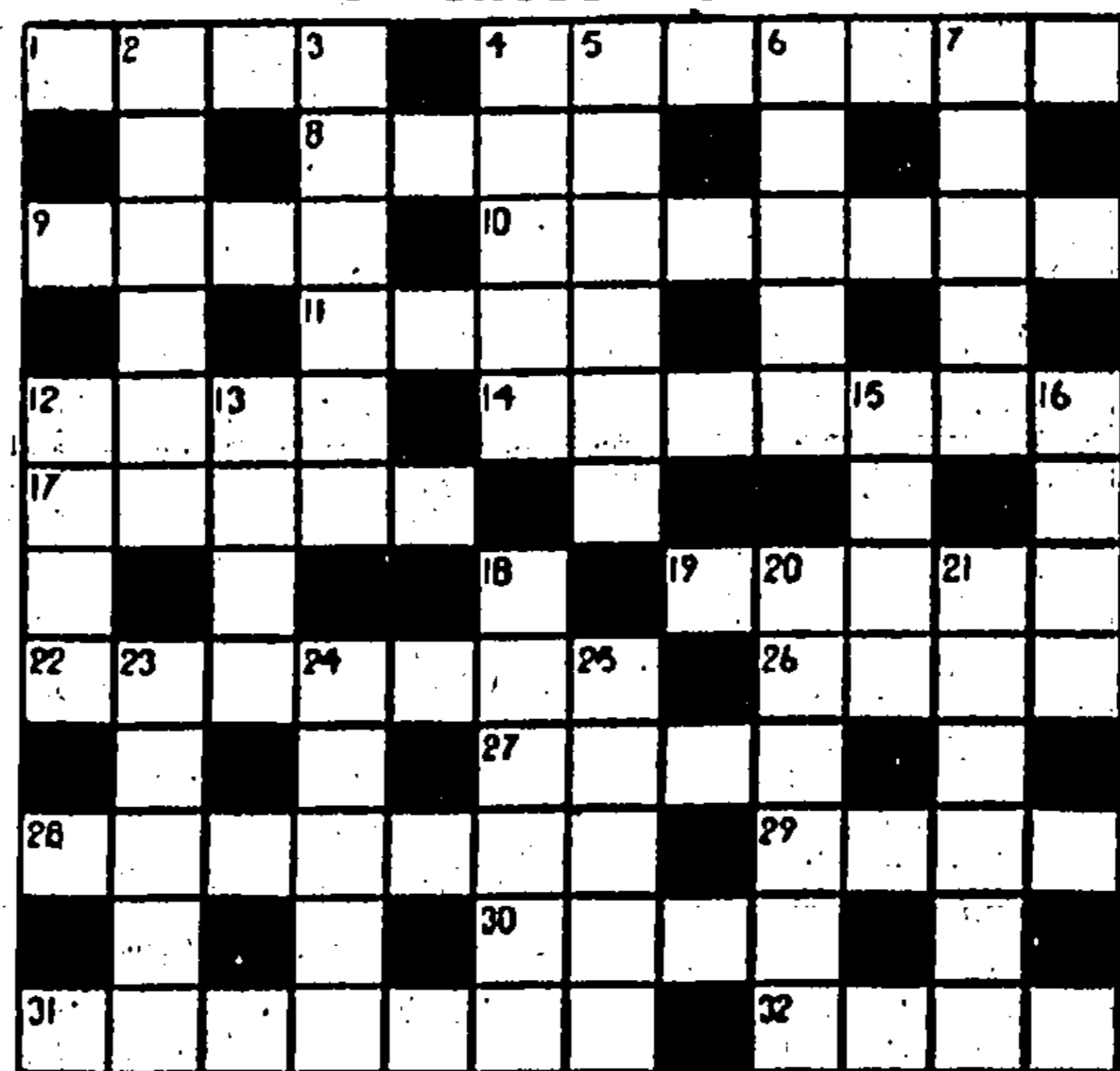
The decision to hold a series of meetings on economic policy, with Mr. Hilary Marquand presiding, was taken at the regular meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party today. —United Press.

That'll Be The Day

London, Mar. 25.
Whitehall sources said on Monday that they were "surprised" by the American Government's attitude on Cyprus.

One official, who refused to be identified, said: "It will be a relief to all of us in this country when some people in the United States overcome their tendency to be so liberal with territory that does not belong to them." — Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Continent.
- Trumpet.
- Simon.
- Type of voice.
- Something left over.
- Quarter of an acre.
- Mensure.
- Amused.
- Eat away.
- Look angry.
- Confide.

Clues Down

- Fusible alloy.
- Beloved.
- Sing soulfully.
- Set of steps.
- Sand off.
- Small weight.
- Small lake.
- Racecourse.
- Come into.
- Genio.
- Shuns.
- Climbs.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1. Roller; 5. Psalm; 6. Court; 9. Cloth; 10. Error; 11. Obese; 12. Ache; 13. Gates; 14. Scheme; 18. Leaked; 20. Sent; 22. Fell; 23. Siren; 25. Star; 26.

DOWN: 1. Reclams; 2. Leopold; 3. Echo; 4. Roebuck; 5. Pressed; 6. Stream; 7. Loose; 14. Telegram; 15. Secludes; 16. Satires; 17. Heretic; 19. Ensign; 21. Catch; 24. Noel.

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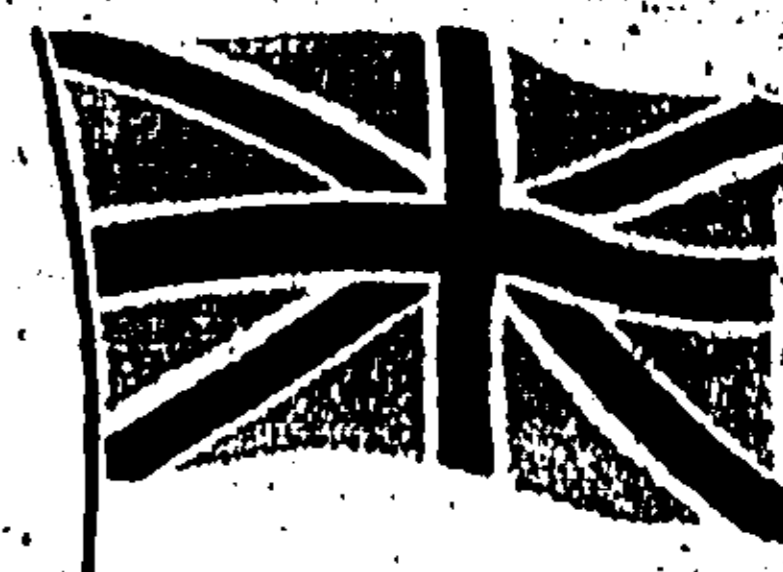
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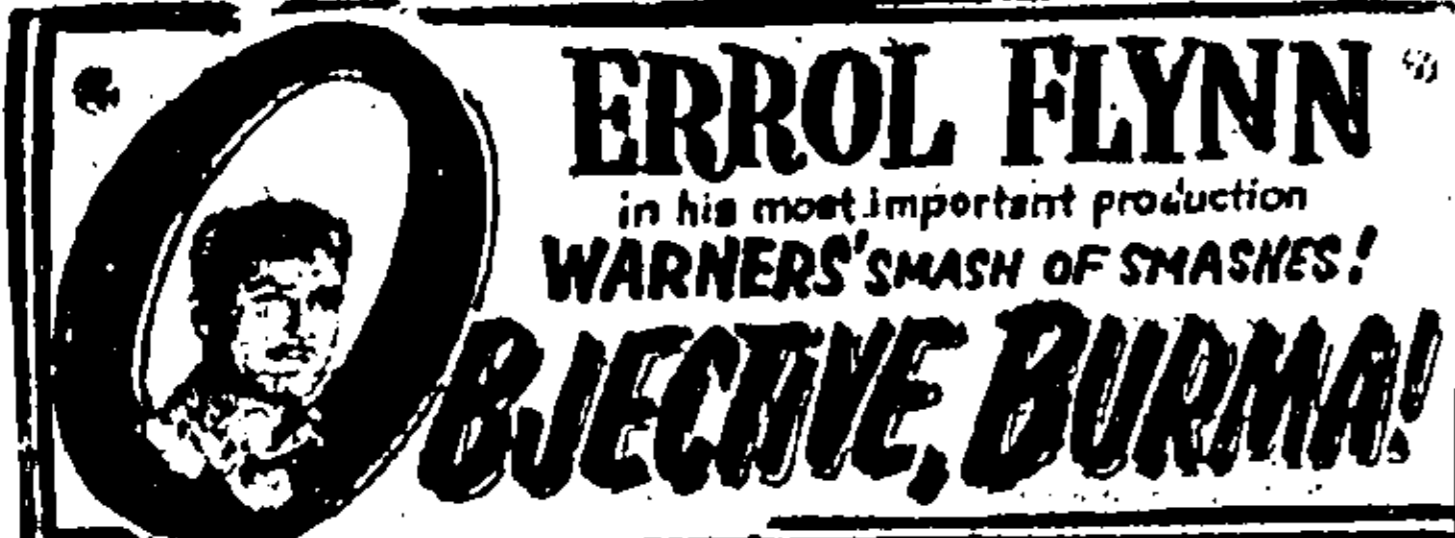
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SPANISH LEFTISTS SPLIT OVER MONARCHY

Paris, Mar. 24.
Spanish Republicans split widely today over the issue of collaborating with Don Juan and the monarchists for the overthrow of the Franco regime and reestablishment of a king in Spain.

Don Juan's representative, Senor Julio Lopez Olivan, who came specially from London to negotiate an agreement with the Republicans, found strong sentiment among Left Republicans in favour of a referendum on the monarchy as soon as the exiles can return, but the Negren wing of the Socialists, Alvarez del Vayo's

followers and the Communists continue to oppose any recognition of the monarchists.

Don Juan, though seeking an accord with the Republicans, has turned down every Franco overture thus far. Nevertheless, Madrid dispatches today reported that the Political Council of the Falange has approved a restoration plan in which Franco would select a "Council of the Kingdom" to consist of the President of the Cortes, the Minister of War, the Archbishop of Toledo, a senior general and a representative of the nobility.

The Council would be charged with transferring authority from the Franco regime to a monarchy by peaceful means.

OFFICERS ON TRIAL

Düsseldorf, Mar. 24.
Eight British senior Control Commission officers went on trial in a Military Government court with four German officers today, charged with conspiracy to obtain sale of artillery and other consumer goods.

It was the first such case in the history of the occupation—United Press.

Rabaul Massacres

Rabaul, Mar. 24.
Charged with killing Chinese prisoners, Major-General Hirota told the war crimes court here today that "my orders were not understood."

"I ordered Chinese patients who had rested over three days to be fully reposed. This seems to have been understood by some as directing that such patients should be killed," he said.

Yozo Shimura, a Formosan sentenced to death, gave evidence that the massacre of Chinese and British prisoners was ordered by Hirota.

Lieutenant Chint Singh, an Indian Army witness and former prisoner, today asked the prosecution to protect him against Japanese attempts to kill him and prevent identification. Singh is one of the 100 survivors of three thousand Indians who were arrested after the fall of Malaya.

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Voodoo And Lion-Men In Tanganyika

Dar-es-Salaam, Mar. 24.
Gangs of "lion men" who kill under the hypnotic influence of native witch-doctors and mark their victims in the manner of lions are terrorizing the Singida district of Tanganyika, with at least 40 murders.

The police are holding three suspected "lion men" for trial and are investigating others, but so far have found no official explanation for the outbreak of killings.

White residents of Singida believe, however, that the two native chiefs of the district are at fault.

The killers dress themselves in lion skins and attack their victims with knives, leaving long wounds resembling the marks of lion teeth and claws. The police have been hampered in their investigation by the recent increased activity of man-killing, four-footed lions, whose victims are sometimes indistinguishable from those of the lion men.

The police found evidence that the killers are paid from US\$3-54 for each murder. Both the victims

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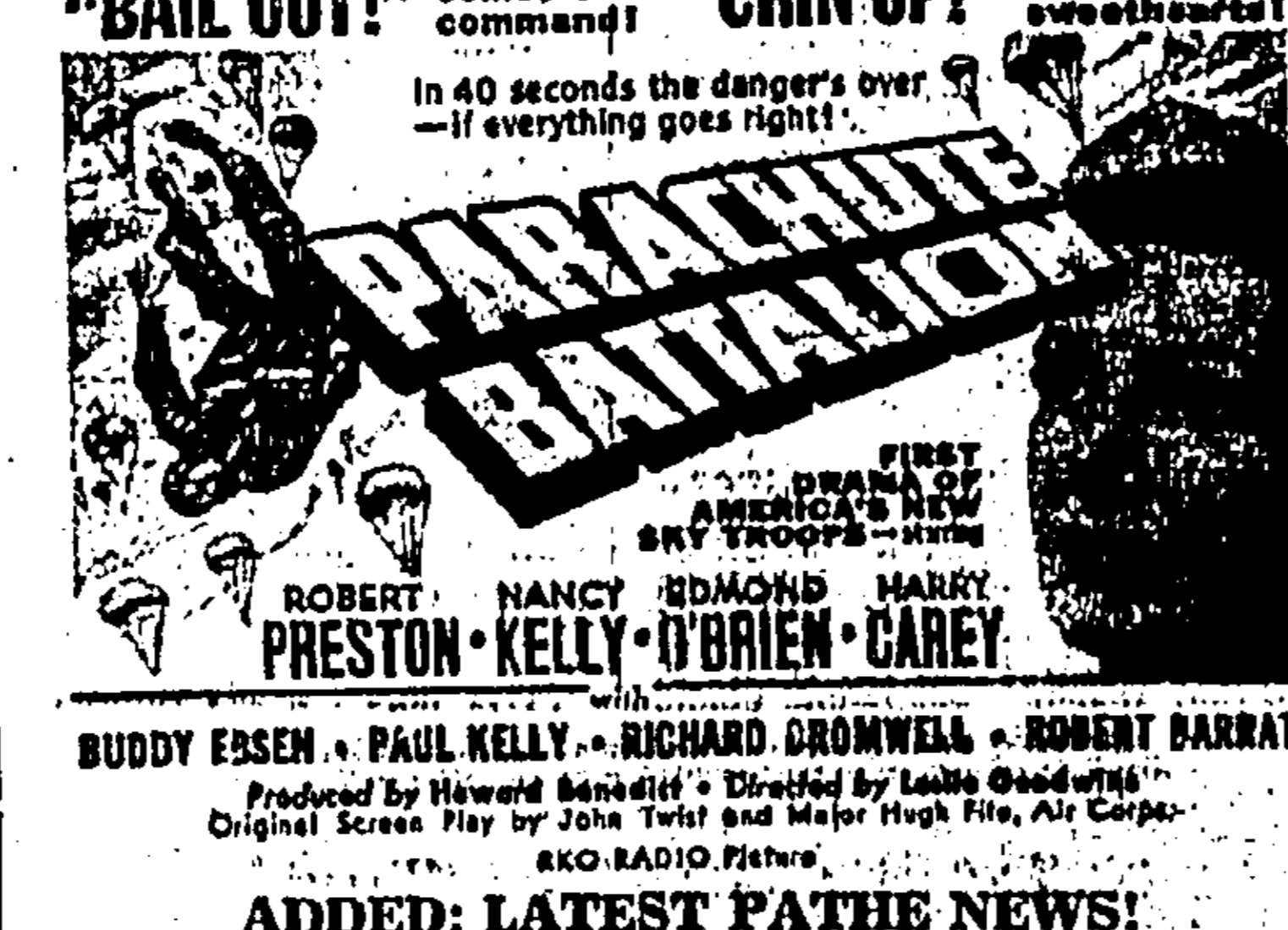
Hamburg, Mar. 24.
Christian Democrat and Christian Socialist party delegates from the four zones of Germany, meeting in Cologne, have drafted proposals for a German federal republic.

Two chambers, one elected by the people and one composed of representatives of states, both having equal rights, so as to avoid over-centralisation are suggested.—Reuter.

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